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February 7, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on February 7, 2007, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Maryann Heuston and Robert Trane also present and voting. Also present were George Landers of ISD and several individuals having business before the committee, (sign in sheet attached).

Public Hearing: TC Auto Exchange, 176-178 Tremont St, New Garage License

Mr. Anthony Cardone, the proprietor of the business, spoke in favor of the petition and told the members that this was not a change of business and that the garage license was applied for to satisfy a change to the city's Code of Ordinances.

Ms. Theresa LeBao spoke against the petition and expressed concerned about the loss of parking spaces on Tremont Street and the amount of noise being made after 7:00 AM. Mr. Landers explained that nothing will be changing and that the license is required due to a revision to the city's Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Santino Ferrante spoke against the petition and stated that, historically, the building has been an eyesore. He said that spray painting and vehicle washing is unacceptable at that location.

Alderman Heuston received several complaints from residents concerning this business. The application has several items checked off, such as auto body work and spray painting, which cannot be performed at the location. Alderman Heuston would vote to approve the license with conditions.

Public Hearing: Mass Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Ave., New Garage License

The proprietor, Hector Nunez, spoke in favor of the petition and there were no speakers against.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 11 items:

182426: Public Occupancy Permit - Tufts Cycling Club Bike Race, Tufts area, April 1, 2007, 6AM-7:15PM.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved as amended (7:00 AM to 6:30 PM)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

182530: Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 49 Day St., 8 Autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

182626: New Garage License - TC Auto Exchange, 176-178 Tremont St., 2 Autos inside, 12 outside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (Hours 8-5 Mon-Fri, 10-2 Sat, No Sunday hours; no spray painting, body work or vehicle washing on premises)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

182627: New Garage License - Mass Auto Repair, 631 Somerville Ave., 14 Autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (Hours 8-5 Mon-Fri, 9-2 Sat, No Sunday Hours; 14 vehicles inside only)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

182628: New Used Car Dealer License Class II - Mass Auto Sales, 631 Somerville Ave., 14 Autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved as amended (11 vehicles inside and 3 vehicles outside)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

182629: New Used Car Dealer License Class II - USA Automall, 620 Broadway, 9-9 M-Sa, 9-5 Su, 6 Autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (Pending receipt of bond and approval of same by City Clerk)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

182631: New Used Car Dealer License Class II - County Auto Repair Inc., 103 Washington St., 5 Autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (Hours 8-5 Mon-Fri, 9-2 Sat, No Sunday Hours)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

182632: Renewal of Used Car Dealer license Class II - Somerville Auto Transport Service, 495 Columbia St., 12 Autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (Hours 8-5 Mon-Fri, 9-2 Sat, No Sunday Hours)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

182633: Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - Isaac's Auto Sales, 486 Columbia St., 6 Autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (Hours 8-5 Mon-Fri, 9-2 Sat, No Sunday Hours)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

182634: Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - Boston Best Car Auto Sales Inc., 266 Beacon St., 18 Autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (Hours 8-5 Mon-Fri, 9-2 Sat, No Sunday Hours)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

182639: Sign/Awning Permit - Somerville Communications, 97 Broadway, Sign and awning.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

COMMITTEE REPORT

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In Board of Aldermen

Clerk